

## TOO MUCH TALK

# Spilling 'Secrets' Gives Aid to Reds

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SEVERAL people, it seems to us, have recently been speaking out of turn. We don't know what possessed Sir Winston Churchill to recall at this date his order in 1945 not to destroy but to stack German arms because one might need them against the Russians.

Whether he was right or wrong then, his airing of the order now raises hob in Great Britain and lends some substance to Soviet charges that not they but the Western allies started preparing World War III!

We don't see why former President Herbert Hoover felt it necessary to say in Bonn that the function of Germany is to provide a bulwark against the "Asiatic hordes," by which he must mean Russians and the Slavs, who can hardly be called "Asians."

Mr. Hoover's words will only furnish ammunition to Germans opposing rearmament. And Soviet propaganda will make the most of them.



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MORE SERIOUS are the three articles by Richard and Gladys Harkness in the Saturday Evening Post, entitled "The Mysterious Doings of the CIA" (America's "Super-Secret" Central Intelligence Agency).

They probably tell the Communists nothing they don't already know. But they confirm charges the Communists are perpetually making.

These charges are that the United States is engaged in conspiracies to overthrow Communist or unsatisfactory governments by force; is spending "hundreds of millions" on underground activities all over the globe; that "about one out of three of the people arrested by Communist governments" actually is a spy; and that American agents are responsible for blowing up bridges, derailing trains, and other acts of sabotage.

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The United States has protested that the men, missing since the Korean struggle, are prisoners of war, and their trial an infringement of international law, as it is if the Chinese charges are untrue.

But are they untrue? After reading the Post articles nobody could be sure.

The articles reveal just about everything except names, addresses, and codes: How agents are recruited and trained; how many buildings CIA occupies in Washington; how many employees it has — half as many as the State Department — and how few members of Congress know what "black" expenditures they are voting for.

EVEN MORE serious is the published admission of engineering violent coups against governments.

The CIA financed, engineered and armed the forces that overthrew the pro-Communist government of Guatemala.

It claims a directing hand in ousting King Farouk of Egypt and installing a military junta of young "pro-American" officers.

It was directly responsible for overthrowing Mossadegh in Iran. Participants are directly named, including the American ambassador.

Here is published evidence emanating from the CIA itself that the present regimes of Egypt, Iran and Guatemala are American puppets.

JUST EXACTLY how will this admission help these regimes, who are dealing with Communist and non-Communist opponents?

Such "secret" activities can blow us into kingdom come as a world power, if they are publicized in such a fashion. Either they are "supersecret" or not secret at all.

Enough has already been revealed to